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In re Application of:

Webler et al.

Application No. 10/712,553

Filed: November 12, 2003

For: VALVE ADAPTATION ASSIST DEVICE

Examiner: Gherbi, Suzette Jaime J.

Art Unit 3738

Confirmation No. 9168

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed November 22, 2006, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the subject application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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1. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
21	72	0	\$0.00
7	5	2	\$400.00

Multiple Dependent

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
1202	50	2202	25	Claims in excess of 20
1201	200	2201	100	independent claims in excess of 3
1203	350	2203	180	Multiple Dependent claim, if not paid
1204	700	2204	395	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	300	2205	150	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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2. ADDITIONAL FEES

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Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or cash
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
2053	130	2053	130	Non-English specification
1251	120	2251	60	Extension for reply within first month
1252	450	2252	225	Extension for reply within second month
1253	1,020	2253	510	Extension for reply within third month
1254	1,590	2254	795	Extension for reply within fourth month
1255	2,160	2255	1,080	Extension for reply within fifth month
1401	500	2401	250	Notice of Appeal
1402	500	2402	250	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
1403	1,000	2403	500	Request for oral hearing
1451	1,510	2451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
1460	130	2460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(g)
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Sheet
1809	780	1809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))
1810	760	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))

Other fee (specify)

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